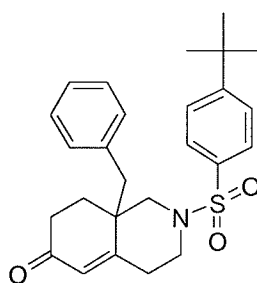


REMARKS

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed November 20, 2008, Applicants elect, with traverse, the invention of Group I, drawn to a chemical compounds and a pharmaceutical composition of formula I. Applicants' election is made with traverse, believing that the full scope of the invention could be searched and examined without undue burden on the Patent Office. Accordingly, Applicants submit that the requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121 has been met.

In addition to the above election, Applicants further elect a species of compound 26 of Table 1 (also compound XLVI of claim 35):



wherein L^2 , L^3 , L^4 , a and b are each a bond, R^1 is absent, R^2 is (=O), R^3 is benzyl, X is $-S(O)_2-$, A is phenyl and R^{4G} is t-butyl. Claims readable on the elected species are claims 1-12 and 19-35.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe the pending claims in this Application are in condition for substantive review on the merits. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

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